(c) Gross Domestic Capital Formation (GDCF) is an indicator of capital investment. The GDCF (unadjusted) at current prices, for the ecdnomy of the country as a whole, as estimated by the CSO stands at Rs. 635,694 crore for the year 2003-04. Of this amount, the share of the public sector is Rs. 154,086 crore (24.2 per cent of the total). The share of the private sector is Rs. 481,608 crore (75.8 per cent of the total).

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Demand and production of coffee

1541. SHRICHO. S. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total quantity of each variety of coffee produced in the country during the last three financial years;

(b) whether the production is able to meet the local demand of the country for coffee;

(c) which State consumes more coffee in the country and the quantity consumed;

(d) whether the coffee seeds are exported from the country and if so the total quantity of such exports and the foreign exchange earned out of these exports during the last three financial years; and

(e) what steps are being taken to maintain the price at reasonable and affordable levels in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) The details of coffee production in the country during the last three years are furnished below.

(Qty in MT)

Year	Arabica	Robusta	Total
2001-02	121050	179550	300600
2002-03	102125	173150	275275
2003-04	101950	168550	270500

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Out of a total domestic coffee consumption of approximately 70000 MTs, Tamil Nadu consumes the maximum amount at about 25000 MT.

(d) Yes, Sir. The export of Green Coffee (green beans) over the last 3 financial years is as under:

Year	Green Coffee	
	Qty. (in MT)	Value (in Rs. Crores)
2001-02	170078	698.65
2002-03	163889	690.72
2003-04	187921	840.73

(e) Coffee is an export oriented commodity and its prices are largely influenced by the New York and London Exchanges for Arabica and Robusta grade respectively. Coffee prices are determined by the market forces of demand and supply.

India as a global trade hub

1542. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is true that the Ministry has constituted a 12-member Inter-Ministerial Panel, headed by Commerce Secretary, to look into various aspects as to how to make India a global trade hub;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether the proposed global trade hub would be at par with the hubs in UK, Switzerland, Dubai and Hong Kong?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI E.V.K.S. ELANGOVAN): (a) to (c) One of the strategies of the Foreign Trade Policy announced on 31stAugust, 2004, is to facilitate development of India as a global hub for manufacturing, trading and services. However, no Ministerial Panel headed by the Commerce Secretary has been constituted in this regard. It is nevertheless the constant endeavour of the Government to create an appropriate institutional framework for external trade at par with some of the important countries of the world.

Trade between India and Pakistan

1543. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the quantum of formal and informal trade between India and Pakistan during the last three years as per the information available with the Union Government;